

# PACIFIC Expedition

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Chief Master Sgt. Doug Hunter and Maj. Brad Gallup discuss maintenance issues earlier this week.

## Maintenance team leaders pass torch

Story by 1st Lt. Michele Tasista  
3rd Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Managing the maintenance operations complex, supervising more than 250 people and ensuring 21 F-15E Strike Eagle aircraft are combat-ready, are a few of the responsibilities Maj. Brad Gallup, 90th Fighter Squadron maintenance officer, relinquished to Capt. Thomas Eisenhower this week during a low-key passing of the maintainer's torch at Kwang Ju Air Base.

"Major Gallup did a super job," said Col. James E. Reed, 3rd Air Expeditionary Group commander. "Major select Eisenhower is just the right person to pick up where the major left off."

"Major Gallup has done a tremendous job for the 90th Fighter Squadron," said Lt. Col. Darryl Roberson, squadron commander. "He led a maintenance unit which received numerous awards of recognition under his leadership, to include the best

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## AF Band of the Pacific to perform at Kwang Ju AB Fourth of July weekend

Final Approach, an eleven-member band from Yokota Air Base will perform at least twice during their visit. The scheduled times are:

July 3 - ROKAF Theater at 7 p.m.

July 4 - In the Quad at 1 p.m.

## Phased termination of Stop-Loss begins

WASHINGTON — Two days after NATO Secretary General Javier Solana's proclamation June 20 that Operation Allied Force was officially over, the Air Force started a phased termination of its Stop-Loss program that had kept airmen in fields critical to the allied effort from leaving the service during the air campaign over Yugoslavia.

In its announcement June 22, the Air Force did not completely eliminate Stop-Loss, stating that both the service and people affected by the halt in separations need flexibility to transition to prewar operations. Stop-Loss took effect June 15.

"With the end of hostilities, withdrawal of Yugoslav troops from Kosovo, and the redeployment of our forces home, it is appropriate to begin releasing our people from Stop-Loss," said Col. Lynn Pratt, chief of the Air Force's Military Personnel Policy Division.

She added that "Stop Loss is terminated for everyone not deployed in support of Kosovo. For those deployed, Stop Loss terminates upon return to home station."

## General Gamble salutes troops for Fourth of July

By Gen. Patrick K. Gamble

Pacific Air Forces commander

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (PACAFNS) — As we prepare to celebrate our independence this Fourth of July, take a moment to appreciate our past.

Gaining and maintaining independence is not without cost. Remember our forefathers who fought to secure our initial freedom, and our comrades in arms who championed that cause in so many battles, especially throughout World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

Consider the present, and give thanks to the brave men and women of today's military, who volunteered to protect peace in Southwest Asia and the Balkans of Southern Europe.

Forecast the future, and visualize the challenges we might have to face together ... challenges that could very well summon us to arms once again.

We owe it to future generations of Americans, to protect our nation's precious independence. Have a happy and safe Fourth.

**The results are in!**

### The Chow Hall

Last week a contest to name the dining facility produced surprising results.

Seventy-seven percent of the voters selected "The Chow Hall."

Other top contenders selected were K.J.'s, Easter's Eatery, and The Dining Facility.

## 3rd Wing earns prestigious flight safety award

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (PACAFNS) — Flying more than 15,700 sorties and logging more 31,700 flying hours in five different aircraft without a Class A or Class B mishap earned the 3rd Wing from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, the Colombian Trophy for Fiscal Year 1998.

Big. Gen. Jorge Ballesteros, commander of Colombia's 1st Combat Air Command, presented the trophy to Col. Jonathan Gration, 3rd Wing commander, here, June 21.

The trophy is presented annually to the U.S. Air Force unit that best demonstrates excellence in military flight safety. The award citation also highlighted two Elmendorf programs as basis for their selection — Elmendorf's Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard Plan and Operational Risk Management Program.

## July line numbers

The people who have been awarded the following line numbers for promotion will begin wearing their new rank July 1.

Chief master sergeant 286-324

Senior master sergeant 387-507

Master sergeant 4369-all remaining

Technical sergeant 9119-all remaining

Staff sergeant 9414-10233

If you have a number that falls within the increments of this list you should visit the PERSCO office in Bldg. 2107, as soon as possible.

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# The weather team: Behind the forecast

While it may seem like a moist finger tip and a little bit of luck is all it takes to forecast weather - there's actually a lot more involved.

The best resource the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group weather team has in calculating the often unpredictable weather systems in Korea — is experience. Staff Sgts. Robert Tebben and Brian Hearn have both been previously stationed or deployed to various bases in Korea which helps, according to Hearn.

The team routinely briefs aircrews flying from Kwang Ju Air Base on anticipated weather conditions, thermal properties of practice targets, alternate landing sites and, of course, leaving and returning to the airfields in Korea.

Prior to aircrews' departure, the weather team provides information on expected weather conditions to include hazards, wind speeds, and weather conditions expected at the destination, according to Staff Sgt. Brian Hearn, forecaster.

"This information helps the crews to determine how much fuel they will need and what to expect," said Hearn.

If the mission is a real-world or training combat mission, the weather team also provides thermal data which enables aircrews to pin-point targets on their scopes.

"To make sure the weapons system officer can find his target we provide a forecast showing the difference in temperature between a target and its background," said Staff Sgt. Robert Tebben. "To accomplish that, we obtain information on the target's operational status from the intelligence people. They may tell us there's machinery within the structure generating heat. With that information, we've got one part of the equation. Next, we look at the terrain and atmosphere surrounding the structure to determine the background temperature. When we have all the information, we can then provide the WSO with the thermal properties of a target," said Tebben.

"I rely on the weather team to provide information on what type of weather ceiling we'll encounter which governs our target attack," said Capt. Kyle Koncak, weapons systems officer.



Staff Sgts. Robert Tebben and Brian Hearn, weather technicians for the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group, use a laser beam ceilometer to measure the height of the clouds outside their office.

Forecasting the weather for a destination takes a bit of research, according to Hearn.

"When the aircrew is ready to begin their descent, they'll need information on visibility to determine if it's necessary to use instruments to land or if they'll be able to land using a visual approach. "Knowing the local forecast in many cases won't be enough," said Hearn.

The weather team provides weather data to aircrews on alternate landing sites in the event an alternate is needed due to inclement weather at Kwang Ju. Most often, aircraft diverted from Kwang Ju will land at Osan or Kunsan Air Bases, according to Hearn.

The team also utilizes weather data provided by other sources to help prepare aircrews departing from Kwang Ju. Among them are other base weather units and official World Wide Web weather information sites.

In addition to providing weather to all 3rd AEG and transient air crews, the weather team also provides the Pacific Expedition and its readers with week-end forecast.

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PACAF maintenance unit in 1998.”

“Regardless of the obstacles that have come up—this maintenance team has always found a way to get the job done,” said Gallup. “They’re doing a great job here. I’m very pleased with how they’ve met every challenge.”

It was during the first 3rd Air Expeditionary Group deployment to Kwang Ju in 1998 that Gallup took the job.

Bridging the gap between the maintenance and operations sections was a key priority upon taking the squadron maintenance officer’s job, according to Gallup.

“We increased the mutual understanding and rapport with the operators,” said Gallup. “While we provided insight on the challenges we face, we learned more about their requirements.” said Gallup

### **Challenges and successes**

Some of the challenges the team had to overcome included ensuring that all 18 aircraft were ready to fly within 48 hours after arriving to Kwang Ju.

The team began flying operations on schedule even though spare aircraft tires and engines had not yet been delivered.

“The maintenance environment is ever-changing with problems and issues arising daily,” said Gallup. “I’ve always depended on my leadership team to handle these supervisory and management challenges. They’ve done a fantastic job. It is difficult to say goodbye.”

Reflecting on some of the challenges the team faces now, Gallup said one of the more significant hurdles is maintaining a high mission-capability rate.

## **Volunteers are needed for weekend projects**

Unlimited volunteers are needed to help renovate the new recreation center in Bldg. 104; Meet time is 9 a.m. Saturday in front of billeting.

Volunteers to work at the girls’ orphanage volunteers meet at 8 a.m. Saturday. Contact your squadron command section for selection details.

A cultural exchange visit to a historic city and scenic mountain Saturday is scheduled with an 8 a.m. departure from Bldg. 214. Contact your squadron command section to sign-up.

“The supply and logistics train presents a unique challenge here at Kwang Ju—it is much more difficult to receive parts as quickly as we would at home station,” said Gallup. “In addition, we are at a different priority to receive parts due to other Air Force commitments.”

### **Top two maintainers**

Gallup assumed the role of squadron maintenance officer during his deployment to Kwang Ju one year ago while then, Senior Master Sgt. Doug Hunter, squadron superintendent, also moved up in rank and position. Hunter is again deployed to Kwang Ju this year— as a Chief.

“We’ve had a stellar year—accomplishing many goals which included earning the PACAF effectiveness award, an “Outstanding” rating during the Unit Compliance Inspection and Activity Inspection, as well as deploying to Kwang Ju,” said Hunter. “It has been a privilege to work with and for him.”

“This is the best squadron I’ve ever worked with and I’d like to thank everyone, especially Chief Hunter and Lt. Col. Roberson, for their outstanding support,” said Gallup.

“The squadron will miss him and we wish him the best of luck at his new job,” said Roberson.

Gallup departed Kwang Ju Thursday to take over as the 11th Air Force Weapons/Aircraft safety officer at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

“I know the 90th Maintenance team will give Major (select) Eisenhower all the support they’ve given me over the last 16 months,” said Gallup. “It is a steep learning curve as a squadron maintenance officer, especially in a deployed environment—I know Eisenhower will do a great job.”

Eisenhower, who previously held the 3rd AEG Logistics Squadron commander’s position, passed that baton to Capt. Barbara Ochsner.

“While he has some really big shoes to fill, I am confident Captain Eisenhower will be able to pick up where Major Gallup left off,” said Roberson.

“The 90th Fighter Squadron has excelled in all aspects over the past couple of years,” said Eisenhower. “I am looking forward to working with these outstanding airmen and learning from their knowledge and experience.”

## Environmental team visits Kwang Ju

By 1st Lt. Michele Tasista  
3rd Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

The Environmental Safety Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program team from Hickam Air Force Base visited Kwang Ju Air Base earlier this week to assess the status of various base environmental compliance programs. Kwang Ju was the second of five Collocated Operating Bases in Korea to be reviewed.

The team reviewed the base's water quality, storage facilities, hazardous materials management, among many other areas.

The importance of this visit is to help commanders, contractors and staff identify which areas need improvement, according to Col. James Davis, team chief.

The unit which oversees contracts and maintenance support Kwang Ju's facilities is Detachment 3, 607th Materiel Maintenance Squadron. This 26-person team



Col. James Davis and Capt. Donald Aide review documentation.

manages several contractor companies for the base which provide facilities and ground maintenance support. The primary contractor for the base facilities is Pacific Architect and Engineers. The War Readiness Material equipment is maintained by Bo Sung.

As a practice, findings or discrepancies are not publicized. Unit commanders have less than a year to correct any findings which can range from positive attributes to significant deficiencies, according to Warren Sekiguchi, team administrator.

"I think there is tremendous awareness in the Air Force on how to handle environmental issues and hazardous waste," said Davis who is the deputy support group commander at Kadena Air Base.

Team chiefs are selected from bases scheduled for an assessment. Kadena Air Base is scheduled for an environmental compliance assessment in August.

Other collocated operating bases the team will visit in Korea include Chong Ju, Kimhae, Taegu and Suwon.

## U.S. Forces train with Japan in Exercise Cope North Guam '99

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (AFPN) — After successfully deploying fighter aircraft outside of Japan for the first time in its history, Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-15s took to the skies above this South Pacific base to train with their U.S. counterparts as exercise Cope North Guam '99 began.

Six F-15J Eagles from the 7th Air Wing at Hyakuri Air Base, Japan, arrived here June 15, completing a journey which took them from their home base north

of Tokyo to Iwo Jima island, en route to Guam.

The fighters required the hop, since Japanese aircraft are not capable of aerial refueling. In addition to the F-15s, E-2Cs from Misawa AB, Japan, also deployed to Guam for the exercise. Seven USAF aircraft from Kadena AB, Japan, six F-15Cs and one E-3 airborne warning and control system deployed to Guam June 19 to join their counterparts in the exercise.

"We have brought a very small package (of air-



## Hours of operation

**Finance** Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Food Court

**Grill** 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday - Thursday 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

**Phone card desk** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

**Barber shop** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

### AAFES Souvenir Shop

11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

### AAFES dry cleaning

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Friday

### Post Office

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

### Dining Hall

**Weekdays** Breakfast 5 to 8 a.m.  
Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.

**Weekends** Brunch 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.

**Midnight meals** 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sun-Friday.

**Lodging office** 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily

**Fitness Center** 24 hours a day

**Recreation Center** 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily

**Yoda's Place** Weeknights 6 p.m. to midnight and weekends 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.

## Osan tours

Noon today is the deadline to sign-up at the Recreation Center for the one or two-night tour to Osan Air Base.

The Friday bus leaves at 4:30 p.m. and the Saturday bus leaves at 8 a.m.

Both busses depart Osan at 2:30 p.m. Sunday to return to Kwang Ju Air Base.

Everyone must **sign back in at billeting** after returning.

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craft), but they have a very important mission here," said Col. Shigeru Iwasaki, JASDF Cope North Guam exercise director. "The JASDF and USAF have executed Cope North for over 20 years, but this is the first time we have been out of Japan. This is very significant." The 5th Air Force exercise director, who also serves as the commander of the 605th Expeditionary Operations Group, echoed the colonel's comments.

"On the surface, this particular exercise may seem pretty small," said Lt. Col. Tom Orr, 606th EOG commander. "But when you look deeper at this exercise, it's pretty big in its impact."

During the one-week exercise, pilots from both countries will conduct training in air combat tactics, electronic combat and airborne air control. The training will pit the U.S. pilots against the Japanese pilots, in scenarios in which one side tries to defend its airspace while the other side attempts to penetrate it.

However, not all the lessons of the exercise will take place in these mock air engagements. At the end of each day, pilots from both sides sit and discuss what took place during simulated air battles.

"That's very important," Orr said. "You sit down face to face with the (Japanese and Air Force) pilots and start talking about your techniques and what you do in the air. That's probably the most important thing that is going to happen here as far as the training is concerned."

For the JASDF, the exercise will provide one other key lesson which is "pretty standard" for U.S. pilots — deploying, employing and redeploying air assets.

"Coming to Guam, the JASDF can experience and learn what it takes to send a small package of airplanes and personnel to support operations like this," Orr said. "This, combined with the amount and availability of air space at Guam, provides a good opportunity to enhance the training environment for both forces."

## Base theater movies

<b>Tonight</b>	<b>7 p.m. Money Talks</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3 p.m. Legends or the Fall; 7 p.m. Kingpin</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3 p.m. Bean; 7 p.m. Highlander 2</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7 p.m. Mississippi Burning</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7 p.m. Mission Impossible</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7 p.m. Dumb and Dumber</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7 p.m. Eve's Bayou</b>

Movie schedule provided by 3rd AEG Services. For more information call the Recreation Center at 6-6403.

## Chapel News

A **prayer room** is available 24-hours a day.

**Walk in counseling** is available 8 to 11 a.m. daily.

For more information on chapel services call 6-6026.

## Catholic

Catholic Masses are Sundays at 11:30 a.m. at the St. John's Church and 11:30 weekdays at Hidden Valley prayer room. Confessions are before and after the mass or anytime by appointment. For more information call Father George C. George at 6-6026.

**Catholic RCIA/bible study/reflection group** meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Hidden Valley prayer chapel.

## Protestant

**Protestant worship** services are conducted in the Base Theater at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. **Sunday school** begins at 9:15 a.m. Show up 15 minutes early for fellowship.

**Protestant Choir** practice is 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Building 214, 3rd floor day room.

A **modern issues in Christianity** discussion group meets 7 p.m. Saturdays in the Hidden Valley Prayer Chapel.

*All of the following classes are held in the Food Court's "upper room":*

An **Officer Christian Fellowship** is offered 6 p.m. Sundays.

A **Bible introduction class** is 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Advanced class on Christian growth - **discipleship class** - is 7 p.m. Thursday.

# Kwang Ju airman receives Article 15 punishment

By Capt. Steve Sayeedi  
3rd Air Expeditionary Group Legal Office

An Airman from the 90th Fighter Squadron received an Article 15 this month for underage drinking. The member, who is less than 20 years old, violated a USFK regulation by drinking beer at Yoda's. The member was reduced in grade to Airman Basic and was sentenced to 30 days extra duties.

Members who fail to follow orders will be punished no less severely here than they would be at their home station. Some airmen still feel deployments are an opportunity to cut loose; unfortunately, some of them will be leaving here with a UIF as a reminder that good order and discipline is important, and demanded of every service member, wherever they may serve.

## Alcohol, tank tops -- know the rules

### Alcohol

The Security Forces have reported that during the last two weeks there have been a high number of open alcohol container violations.

The only authorized exterior locations for consumption of alcohol is in the fenced-in quad area and softball field.

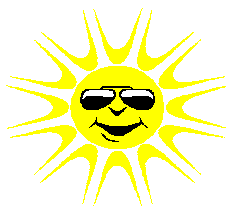
In addition, many people have attempted to carry open alcohol containers out the main gate and outside the confines of the off base establishments, according to 1st Lt. Chris Ferry, 3rd AEG Security Forces commander. USFK policy 190-2 dictates that military members cannot have open alcohol containers outside off base establishments, he added.

Future violators will be reported to the 3 AEG commander.

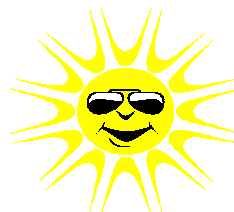
### Sleeveless shirts

Tank-top shirts or sleeveless shirts are only authorized in the quad area and inside the gym. These shirts aren't allowed while jogging around the base. These rules apply to male and female personnel.

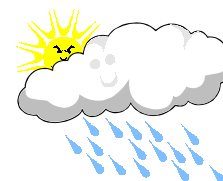
People who plan to wear a tank top in the gym should wear a full T-shirt on the way to the gym.



Saturday -  
Sunny with a high  
of 87, low of 65.



Sunday -  
Sunny with a high  
of 89, low of 64.



Monday -  
Sunny, evening  
showers, with a high  
of 90, low of 71.

Weather information provided by the 3rd AEG Weather Flight.

# People...

# Places...

# Faces...



Staff Sgt. Alida Keith-Forbes and 2nd Lt. Mark Esslinger work together on a project.



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Bruns, NCOIC of Logistics Plans for Detachment 3, 607th MMS, works on a tasking.

## Father's Day brings lots of mail



The post office received more than 1200 pounds of mail and packages Monday. This was the largest delivery to date during this deployment.

3rd Air Expeditionary Group Postmaster, Staff Sgt. Joey Tucker, from Yokota Air Base, Japan hands a box to Tech. Sgt. Daryl Johnson from the Civil Engineer Squadron.



Col. James E. Reed, 3rd Air Expeditionary Group commander, submits his ballot in a contest to rename the dining area.